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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging scheduled delivery of personal medical services from a provider having verified qualifications, said method comprising:

registering a medical service provider and automatically authenticating qualifications of said medical service provider to perform a proffered medical service upon obtaining registration information from said provider;

posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a provider of such service after having verified the service provider's qualifications for providing such service; and

receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective users of such service.

2. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 wherein said posting includes proffered specifications received in association with provision of said proffered service.

3. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 2 wherein said proffered specifications include price, time and location for provision the service.

4. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 3 wherein said price is automatically computed based on at least one: (a) projected future utilization of the service provider's facility, (b) a predetermined minimum price, and (c) a predetermined base price.

5. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 4 wherein said price is computed as a function of the base price plus a fraction of the difference between the minimum price and the base price, said fraction being related to projected future utilization of the service provider's facility.
6. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 3 wherein said proffered specifications include conditions precedent to the provision of said service, said conditions precedent including the health and suitability of the prospective user for receiving the proffered service.
7. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 3 further comprising: in response to tentative online agreement between a prospective service provider and a prospective user, providing contract details to the provider and/or user to permit direct follow-up communication therebetween to finalize the tentative online agreement.
8. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 3 wherein said proffered specifications include terms of payment.
9. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 8 wherein said terms of payment include a requirement for at least partial advance payment before the service is provided.
10. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 further comprising:

obtaining online information about the service provider as supplied by prior users of such service provider and making such information available online to prospective bidders for such service.

11. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 wherein said posting includes a posting of feedback information about the service provider as supplied by prior users of such service provider.

12. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 further comprising:
obtaining online information about the prospective user's health and/or financial condition and supplying such information to said service provider for use in determining an online response to the prospective user's bid for service provision.

13. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 further comprising:
providing CPT and/or ICD-9 coding support for use in selecting proffered medical services.

14. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 wherein said posting includes a posting of CPT and/or ICD-9 codes associated with proffered medical services.

15. (Currently amended) An online computerized method as in claim 1 further comprising:
obtaining a performance price of donated and/or discounted services performed by a provider of a personal medical service for use in logging and/or tracking tax credit information.

16. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 1 wherein said receiving online bids includes limiting received bids for a particular proffered service to a predetermined response time window.

17. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 16 wherein said response time window is dependent upon a receiving time of a previous bid.

Claims 18-20 – cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

21. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of medical services to prospective patients having ascertained health and/or financial condition information associated therewith, said method comprising:

posting online at least one medical service provider along with an associated proffered medical service;

receiving online bids ~~for such service provider~~ as proffered by prospective patients of such-a service provider for delivery of a specified medical service;

obtaining in response to receiving an online bid, automatically accessing a maintained database and/or one or more online commercial data resources to obtain information from online sources describing the health and/or financial condition of the-a bid-submitting prospective patient; and

forwarding a received online bid to an associated medical service provider ~~server~~ together with the information ~~obtained online~~ describing the health and/or financial condition of the prospective patient associated with said forwarded bid.

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30. (Currently amended) A computerized method for selling a qualified personal medical service selected from a menu of authenticated qualified personal medical services, the menu of authenticated qualified medical services being accessible to prospective buyers of personal medical services, said method comprising the steps performed by a computer of:

- (a) receiving from one or more medical service providers an offer to sell a specified personal medical service included within the menu of medical services at a specified offering price;
- (b) authenticating the accessing one or more online commercial database sources containing medical certifications data and verifying the authenticity of qualifications of the medical service provider to provide the specified personal medical service; and
- (c) if qualified, posting the offer to sell the specified personal medical service and the specified offering price ~~on-in~~ a database of authenticated qualified medical services that is accessible to a plurality of prospective buyers.

31. (Currently amended) A method for selling a specified-qualified personal medical service as in claim 30 further comprising enrolling a plurality of sellers of medical services using an Internet accessible on-line registration system.

32. (Currently amended) A method for selling a specified-qualified personal medical service as in claim 30 further comprising enrolling a plurality of buyers of medical services using an Internet accessible on-line registration system.

33. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 30 further comprising receiving an offer to buy the specified qualified medical service posted on the database from a first buyer, said offer to buy including a specified purchase price.

34. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 33 further comprising:
comparing the specified purchase price in the offer to buy with the specified offering price of the specified medical service, and
if the specified purchase price is greater than or equal to the specified offering price,
storing the offer to buy received from the first buyer on a computer readable medium and
communicating the offer to buy to the medical service provider.

35. (Currently amended) A system enabling a qualified personal medical service provider to offer a specified personal medical service that has been authenticated as qualified for sale to a plurality of prospective buyers of the specified personal medical service, said system comprising:

- (a) a computer having an on-line connection;
- (b) a computer-readable storage device connected to said computer;
- (c) a program for controlling said computer;
- (d) a register associated with said computer for establishing a computer-readable personal medical service provider identification code to a personal medical service provider; and
- (e) a service provider qualifier database accessible by said computer;

wherein the program is operable for causing the computer to:

- (i) receive an on-line offer to sell the specified personal medical service and receive said medical service provider identification code from the medical service provider for verifying the identity of medical said service provider;
- (ii) authenticate the medical service provider's qualifications to provide the offered personal medical service via searching said service provider qualifier database; and
- (iii) post an offer to sell the specified medical service by a qualified service provider on a database that is accessible for on-line viewing by a plurality of prospective buyers of the specified personal medical service.

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50. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of personal medical services with provision of online patient-compliance feedback information from a medical service provider for future use in evaluating future bids for delivery of personal medical services, said method comprising:

registering at least one medical service provider;
posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a registered provider of such service;
receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective patients of such service provider; and
after such service is provided to a prospective patient, receiving online and collecting into a database patient compliance feedback information from such service provider regarding

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compliance of said patient with recommended medical procedures and/or physician instructions as given by such provider during course of treatment.

51. (Currently amended) An online computerized method as in claim 50 wherein said patient-compliance feedback information is made available online to said other service provider providers.

52. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of personal medical services with provision of online transaction outcome feedback information from a medical service provider for future use in evaluating future bids for delivery of personal medical services, said method comprising:

registering at least one medical service provider;

posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a registered provider of such service;

receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective patients of such service provider; and

after such service is provided to a prospective patient, receiving online and collecting into a database transaction outcome feedback information from such service provider regarding describing a resultant outcome of providing a proffered medical service to said patient, wherein said feedback information is made available online at least to other prospective patients.

53. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 52 wherein said transaction outcome feedback information is made available online to said service provider.

54. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of personal medical services with provision of online transaction outcome feedback information from a treated patient for future use in evaluating possible future bids for delivery of personal medical services, said method comprising:

registering at least one medical service provider;

posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a registered provider of such service;

receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective patients of such service provider; and

after such service is provided to a prospective patient, receiving online and collecting into a database ~~transaction outcome~~-feedback information from said patient ~~regarding~~ describing a resultant outcome of receiving a proffered medical service from such service provider, wherein said information ~~may be~~ is made available online at least to other prospective patients.

55. (Currently amended) An online computerized method as in claim 54 wherein said outcome feedback information is made available online to other prospective patients by posting said information online in association with said provider of such service.

56. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of personal medical services with provision of online general transaction feedback information from a treated patient for future use in evaluating possible future bids for delivery of personal medical services, said method comprising:

registering at least one medical service provider;

posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a registered provider of such service;

receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective patients of such service provider; and

after such service is provided to a prospective patient, receiving online and collecting into a database general transaction feedback information from said patient in the form of comments regarding such service provider, wherein said feedback information ~~may be~~ is made available online at least to other prospective patients.

57. (Currently amended) An online computerized method as in claim 56 wherein said general transaction feedback information is made available online to other prospective patients by posting said information online in association with said provider of such service.

58. (Currently amended) An online computerized method for arranging delivery of personal medical services at a price which can be adjusted in a pre-arranged manner if unexpected circumstances arise in the delivery of such services, said method comprising:

registering at least one medical service provider;

posting online at least one proffered personal medical service in association with a registered provider of such service;

receiving online bids for such service as proffered by prospective patients of such service provider for stated prices; and

after a provider accepts a bid price for such proffered service, if a different or altered service is required to be rendered in response to said bid, computing an adjusted bid price based

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on a relative value multiplier, wherein said relative value multiplier is obtained from-based upon a conventional published procedural CPT code Relative Value Scale.

59. (Currently amended) An online computerized method as in claim 58 wherein said conventional published procedural CPT code Relative Value Scale information is made available online to prospective patients.

60. (Original) An online computerized method as in claim 58 wherein said adjusted bid price scale information is made available online to a patient receiving such rendered service.

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